



## About Us

The Montana Prevention Certification Board (MPCB) was established in January 2022 as a non-profit professional credentialing organization operating in Montana to become a member board of the International Certification and Reciprocity Consortium (IC&RC). The Board strives to advance the field of prevention as a viable and effective professional discipline to benefit Montana communities. MPCB currently credentials individuals working in the field of prevention according to the high standards of the IC&RC.

## Purpose

The purpose of prevention is to reduce negative health outcomes such as substance misuse and mental health problems through science-backed interventions. The field of prevention offers a rewarding career impacting upstream influences, reducing unhealthy behaviors, and promoting behavioral health and wellness to reduce incarceration and other negative consequences of substance misuse.

## Benefits of Certification

In Montana, certification for Prevention Specialist is awarded by the Montana Prevention Certification Board, which works under IC&RC's credentialing guidelines. There are many benefits to certification, including:

- Improving the way prevention work is done in our communities.
- Helping Montana respond to the growing demand for quality, accredited prevention programs.
- Helping Montana nonprofits and other organizations secure funding.
- Helping the public identify ethical and relevant prevention programs and practitioners.
- Providing international recognition and new professional opportunities.
- Supporting competitive wages and qualifies prevention specialists for upward mobility.
- Recognizing that prevention specialists are key to the delivery of behavior health services.
- Promoting prevention certification through opportunities for skill and career development.
- Promoting ethical practice by adherence to the Code of Ethics.
- Knowing the reciprocal Prevention Specialist credential is available in 48 U.S. states and territories, four Native American regions, all branches of the U.S. military and 11 international regions.
- Promoting personal pride and satisfaction knowing you are making a difference in someone's life.

## Application Process

The primary purpose of certification is to ensure that professionals in any given field meet high standards of performance. Certified professionals have completed a rigorous process to demonstrate they possess the competency necessary to provide quality services. To earn an MPCB credential, all applicants must complete the Application Process. The Application Process ensures that each applicant provides verifiable documentation demonstrating they have met the necessary education, training, and experience standards.

The MPCB offers two main application routes: standard and legacy. The Standard process is for individuals who will meet all requirements and must pass the examination. Legacy is a **temporarily offered** sub-set of Standard, once known as Grandfathering, for those with at least 5 years of experience in Prevention. Legacy candidates don't have to take the exam.

## Opening Dates

Legacy Window #1: November 1-30, 2022

Standard Application: January 1, 2023

For More Information: <https://mtpreventioncertificationboard.org/>